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SUBJECT: SHIPPING PLUTONIUM BY AIR

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1. IN ANSWER TO QUERY IN SUBJECT CABLE, BOTH DOE AND NRC HAVE REGULATIONS IN FORCE PROHIBITING SHIPMENT OF PLUTONIUM BY AIR.

A. PUBLIC LAW 94-79 PROHIBITS THE NRC FROM ISSUING LICENSES FOR SHIPMENT OF PLUTONIUM BY AIRCRAFT WHETHER EXPORTS, IMPORTS,OR DOMESTIC,EXCEPT FOR PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN A MEDICAL DEVICE DESIGNED FOR INDIVIDUAL HUMAN APPLICATION SUCH AS PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN HEART PACERS.

B. SECTION 502 P.L.94-187PROHIBITS THE AIR SHIPMENT BY DOE OF PLUTONIUM WHETHER EXPORTS, IMPORTS,OR DOMESTIC
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EXCEPT FOR (1) PLUTONIUM IN ANY FORM DESIGNED FOR MEDICAL APPLICATIONS (2) SHIPMENTS DETERMINED TO BE FOR PURPOSES OF NATIONAL SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, OR EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS, OR (3) SMALL AMOUNTS OF PLUTONIUM DEEMED BY DOE TO REQUIRE RAPID SHIPMENT BY AIR IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL, OR ISOTOPIC

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PROPERTIES OF THE TRANSPORTED ITEM OR MATERIAL.

THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ARE TO REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DOE HAS CERTIFIED TO CONGRESS THAT SAFE CONTAINER HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED WHICH WILL NOT RUPTURE UNDER CRASH AND BLAST TESTING EQUIVALENT TO THE CRASH AND EXPLOSION OF A HIGH-FLYING AIRCRAFT.

C. BY A REGULATION PROMULGATED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1977 (42 FEDERAL REGISTER 48331) DOE (ERDA) IMPLEMENTED PARA B, ABOVE AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXEMPTS CERTAIN NATIONAL SECURITY, OR HEALTH AND SAFETY SHIPMENTS, FROM THIS PROHIBITION. THIS EXEMPTION INCLUDES SHIPMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE PURPOSES. COOPER

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